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Porter County

# Inland Lakes

of Northern Indiana

for Happy Summer Outings



**ONLY**  
*an Hour's Ride*  
*from* **GARY**

—  
*Two Hours*  
*from Chicago*

Boating  
Bathing  
Fishing  
Picnicking  
Dancing  
Camping  
Hiking

## Gary Railways

**Modern Transportation**

## *The Inland Lakes*

**N**ESTLING in a little world all their own, and yet only a few miles removed from the heat and din of congested cities, the Inland Lakes of northwestern Indiana have long been the hot weather playground of thousands who reside in Chicago, Hammond, Gary and neighboring cities.

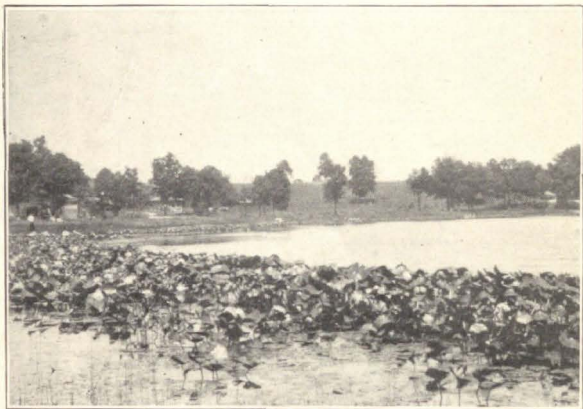
Located in Porter County, Indiana, about four miles north of Valparaiso and fifty miles due southeast of Chicago, these clear placid bodies of water are known as the "Inland Lakes" to distinguish them from nearby Lake Michigan. There are about ten lakes in the group, ranging in size from Moss Lake, a scant 200 yards in diameter, to dumb-bell-shaped Long Lake—a beautiful stretch of water nearly a mile and a quarter in length.

The rounded, wood-covered hills of the region and the irregular valleys and depressions are strikingly contrasted with the sand plains to the north. Back in geological times, when great glaciers covering the central west began to melt, vast deposits of broken rock and earth remained in their wake. These deposits account for the high altitude, the interesting depressions and the rolling terrain of the district. Specimens of pre-glacial life, of giant mastodons and sabre-toothed tigers are occasionally unearthed in the lakes district.

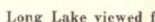
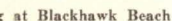
One of the loveliest features of the region is the great wealth of trees and flowers on every hand. Dense woods cover almost every hillside and myriad varieties of pretty wild flowers grow in profusion. At the margin of the many lakes



Swimming a



Water Lillies In Long Lake



## Outdoor Sports Abound

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INLAND STEEL PLANT

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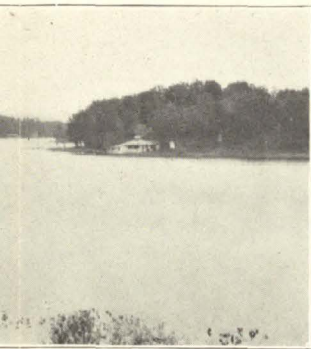
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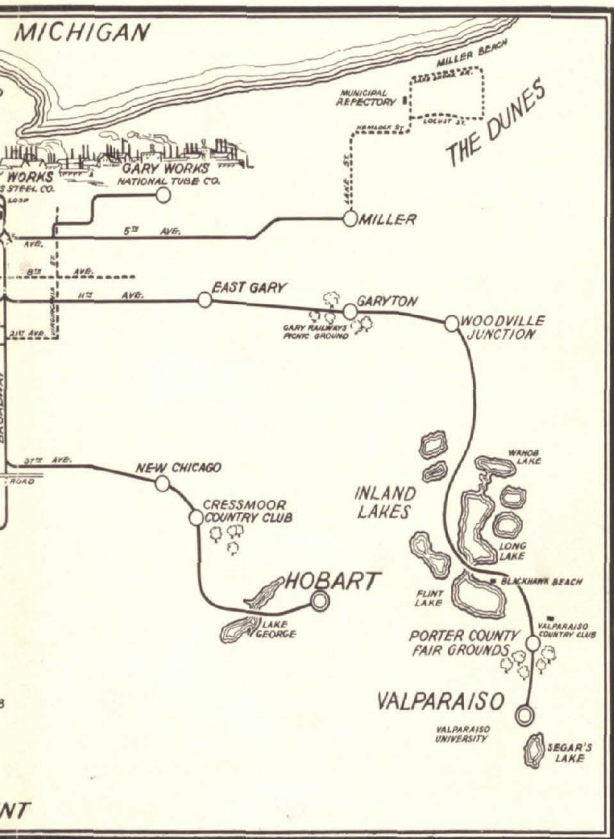
ed from Summit Station



A Typical Cottage

mosquitos, the common pest of many resorts are virtually unknown.

Campers may pitch their tents almost anywhere along the winding shores of the lake on high, well-drained ground. Supplies are obtainable at reasonable prices at numerous resort and cottage colonies scattered throughout the region. The hiking enthusiast will find endless delight in the many







age Colony

winding roads and tree-shadowed trails.

Handy to the lake and the city of Valparaiso is the sporty 18-hole golf course of the Valparaiso Country Club. Gary Railways cars pass the entrance. Summer visitors are allowed all the privileges of its long, rolling fairways and velvety greens upon payment of a small greens fee.

### *Excellent Beaches*

Bathing in the Inland Lakes is probably the most universal attraction. Lying in shallow basins, the lakes are much more quickly warmed by the summer sun than the larger Lake Michigan.

Thousands disport themselves in the sparkling waters every week-end. Gradually sloping beaches of clear white sand afford a safe romping place for the youngsters; and slides, floats, boards, and high dives are handy for water sports. Row boats and canoes may be hired at most resorts, and there are many pleasant water trips around the lakes and through the narrow, tree-bowered channels connecting them.

### *Fine Fishing*

The Inland Lakes are full of interest and reward for the patient angler, too. Black bass, pickerel, crappies, bullheads, sunfish, and perch are among the common varieties of edible fish inhabiting their waters. The lakes are regularly stocked by the State Fish Hatchery. Boats and fishing tackle may be hired by the hour at most resorts, and suitable bait is always available.



Grove at Edgewater Station



Court House in Valparaiso

Excellent sites for large or small picnic parties are available at many points along the bluff-lined shores of Wauhob, Flint and Long Lakes. Wauhob Lake Park, one of the most popular spots in the region, is located on the west side of Wauhob Lake in a large, shady grove of more than ten acres. Tables and pure drinking water are provided free of charge, and refreshments may be obtained nearby.

#### *Ideal Picnic Ground*

Another ideal spot for a family outing is the Gary Railways picnic ground, a densely wooded grove of eight acres, located half-way between Gary and the Inland Lakes. Here the kiddies may run and play in safety, for the traveled highways are miles away, and there are no dangerous streams or ponds nearby. The grove is maintained free to all the public by the Gary Railways Company. Tables and benches are furnished and a supply of clear, sparkling water is on hand. A dance floor and refreshment booths may be secured for special parties, and electric cars for transporting large groups may be chartered at low rates.

#### *Hotels For Every Purse and Taste*

One of the most agreeable ways to spend a vacation is to live in a cottage on the shore of one of these pretty lakes. For others, comfortable, reasonably-priced accommodations are available in the numerous modern hotels and resorts which overlook Long and Flint Lakes. Many hotels have cottages in connection which are rented by the season. Special weekly and week-end rates are offered by a majority of resorts, and reservations may be made in advance. The table on the last page will aid in choosing a place to stay.

There is dancing and action at many resorts for those who enjoy life and music. Nearly every large hotel on the lakes provides a cool, open air dancing pavilion for its guests.

And there are quiet inns that offer restful seclusion for folks who wish to spend their holidays in calm retreat.

### *Valparaiso is Region's Capital*

The city of Valparaiso, with a population of 11,000, is the county seat of Porter County and the natural capital of the Inland Lakes district. It is 23 miles from Gary by Gary Railways, and only 53 miles from Chicago via the South Shore Line to Gary. It is a city of fine homes and quiet, beautifully shaded streets.

The present Valparaiso is built on the site of an old Pottawatomie Indian Village. Its colonization began with purchases of land from the redskins in 1832. When Porter county was created in 1836, and named after a hero of the War of 1812, the settlement adopted the name of Portersville.

Much impressed by the romantic tales recounted by a band of roving sailors recently returned from South America, however, the citizens of Portersville later changed that prosaic cognomen to the more picturesque "Valparaiso."

### *Electric Trains From Gary, Chicago*

It is but an hour's ride from Gary—the western gateway to this charming playground—to any point in the lakes region in comfortable electric cars of the Gary Railways. From Valparaiso, Gary Railways cars operate to the lakes in 10 minutes. This line provides the only direct service to the lakes from either city.

From Chicago—fast electrically operated trains of the South Shore Line, with five stations in the loop and on the south side, provide excellent service to Gary, making direct connections with Lakes-bound Gary Railways cars. Information about connections may be obtained at the Outing and Recreation Bureau at 72 West Adams Street, Chicago. Telephone: Randolph 8200.

Traveling by electric train is economical and free from the dangers and worries of traffic-choked roads. The electrified steel highways are always open.



Boating is Popular on Flint Lake





Through the Heart of the Lakes Region

## Directory of Hotels and Resorts

(This information is compiled from sources believed to be reliable but will not be guaranteed by Gary Railways.)

Name	Proprietor	Hotel Rates per Day	Hotel Rates per Week	Cott'ge Rates per Week	Cott'ge Rates per Month	
Belmont Hotel (Valparaiso)	Peter Dimos	\$1.50e	\$8.00			R
Blackhawk Beach Resort	H. L. Langel	\$4.00a	\$22.00	\$200-\$350 per season		BDPRS
Bloch's Hotel (Valparaiso)	L. W. Bloch	\$1.25e \$1.50e	\$8.75 \$10.50			R
Burlington Beach Resort	Emeline Tricka	\$4.00a	\$20.00	\$12.00 \$20.00		BDPRS
Edgewater Beach Hotel	E. T. Hansen	\$3.00a	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	BPRS
Lembke Hotel (Valparaiso)	J. E. Dreschhoff	\$2.00e & up	\$11.20 & up			R
Long Lake Hotel	C. P. Miller	\$4.00a	\$20.00	\$20.00		BDPR
Northwood Park	Mrs. Pierson	\$1.00e	\$12.00			PR
Northwood Resort	W. H. Brainerd			\$20.00	\$80.00	BDPR
Valparaiso Hotel	L. Sockaloff	\$1.50e \$2.00e	\$10.50 \$14.00			R
Wauhob Lake Park	I. Dillingham					BPR

a—American plan

e—European plan

B—Boats for rent. D—Dancing. P—Picnicking. R—Refreshments.  
S—Swimming and bath-house.

### A Free Information Bureau

The Outing and Recreation Bureau invites you to enlist its aid in planning an outing, picnic or vacation trip anywhere in the Valparaiso Lakes district. The service is free of charge. Inquire in person or by mail at

#### The OUTING AND RECREATION BUREAU

72 W. Adams St., Chicago.

Phone: Randolph 8200

### Special Cars for Summer Outings

Large parties will find our special car service both convenient and economical for outings, picnics or other events. Modern, comfortable equipment can be furnished on short notice to take you anywhere on the Gary Railways system. When you travel by electric car you avoid all the worries and congestion of the highways, your party is kept together and you can go and return when you please.

### Local Ticket Offices and Information Bureaus

#### GARY

1085 Broadway Phone 9101

#### VALPARAISO

Specht-Finney Company Phone 112